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FOR:	FLATTENING METHOD AND FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE		

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000.

REMARKSI. Introduction

Applicants' counsel wishes to thank Supervisory Examiner Joseph J. Hale, III for the courtesies extended during our telephonic discussion of January 10, 2001, in which Supervisory Examiner Hale and Applicants' counsel discussed the present Final Office Action. As a result of

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached herewith is a Request for Reconsideration for the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000 in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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